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On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft in order to carry out reconnaissance and cause provocation continued over the period 11-20 April 1995.

11 April 1995

(a) Northern region: 11 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 58 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Chabaish, Busayyah and Artawi.

On 11 April 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0955 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1155 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1320 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1525 hours.

12 April 1995

(a) Northern region: 13 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Zakho, Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Aqrah and Shaqlawah.

(b) Southern region: 56 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Artawi, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Lasaf, Jalibah and Chabaish.

13 April 1995

Southern region: 20 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Salman, Basra, Artawi and Busayyah.

On 13 April 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1200 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1315 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1610 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1730 hours.

14 April 1995

(a) Northern region: 23 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Shaqlawah, Aqrah and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 33 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Basra, Nasiriyah, Shatrah, Samawah, Lasaf, Qal'at Salih, Chabaish and Jalibah.

On 14 April 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1225 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1250 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1410 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1625 hours.

15 April 1995

Southern region: 40 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah, Artawi and Qal'at Salih.

On 15 April 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region of the country, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1150 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1303 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1500 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1702 hours.

16 April 1995

Southern region: 51 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Artawi, Jalibah, Busayyah, Chabaish, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah and Salman.

On 16 April 1995, three United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1035 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1200 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1128 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1415 hours.

3. The third flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1325 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1455 hours.

17 April 1995

(a) Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Dohuk, Aqrah, Zakho, Amadiyah and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 48 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Artawi, Busayyah, Qurnah and Salman.

At 1210 hours on 17 April 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 1415 hours.

18 April 1995

(a) Northern region: 6 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 120 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Basra, Qurnah, Samawah, Amarah, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

On 18 April 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region of the country, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0810 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 0930 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1118 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1219 hours.

19 April 1995

(a) Northern region: 17 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Zakho, Amadiyah, Aqrah, Ayn Zalah, Mosul, Irbil and Dohuk.

(b) Southern region: 48 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Artawi, Jalibah, Nasiriyah, Busayyah, Qurnah, Salman, Samawah and Chabaish.

On 19 April 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1023 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1039 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1143 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1310 hours.

20 April 1995

(a) Northern region: 13 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Dohuk, Irbil, Tall Afar, Zakho, Amadiyah and Aqrah.

(b) Southern region: 3 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Salman and the area to the south of Najaf.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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